



Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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Minutes – April 28, 2016

Chairman Gary McFarland called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present were: Selectmen Kathleen Rybarz, S. Josephine Cooper, Gary McFarland; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon and Wanda Whitener. Selectman Robert Christie had informed the board that he was unable to attend prior to the meeting.

Agenda Review – No changes to the printed agenda and addendum were proposed.

Minutes – April 14, 2016 – Jo moved to approve as written. Kathleen 2nd. **Vote in favor was 3-0.**

Expenditure Warrant 23 – Selectmen signed the warrant in the amount of \$72,736.05. Stu noted that the bulk of the warrant was for school expenses.

Cash & Budget Reports – Stu noted that excise tax collections continue to remain strong.

Town Meeting Warrant – May 24, 2016 – Jo moved to sign the warrant as drafted. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 3-0, Selectmen signed several copies of the warrant.**

Town Meeting Warrant – June 14, 2016 – After a correction in a date, Jo moved to sign the warrant. Kathleen 2nd. **Vote in favor was 3-0, Selectmen signed several copies of the warrant.**

Consent agreement – Gary noted that a copy of e-mail correspondence between Stu and Attorney Diane O'Connell was in the material for tonight. Jo said there was a concern about parking between the house and the road, and it appears that after tomorrow, they would be in violation. Stu said it would be best to let the attorney take the point on any subsequent action that might be needed. Jo said it's too bad that the builders did not seem to be taking the matter seriously.

Proclamation recognizing Donald Clark – Selectmen signed the proclamation recognizing Mr. Clark's long history of assisting others in the area. It was noted that an event will honor Mr. Clark and raise money to help defray some serious medical expenses on May 15th at the Ellsworth Elks Lodge.

Guest Mooring – Stu said he drew up a policy pretty much from scratch as there did not seem to be any easily found policies on the Internet. He said Harbor Master David Herrick got a copy of the draft earlier today. Kathleen suggested adding the seasonal dates during which the guest mooring would likely be available.

Sale of Tax Acquired Property – Stu reported the sale of tax acquired property, Map 14 Lot 1, was completed back to the previous owner, as he filed the deed the previous day.

Paving 2016 – Stu reported that Lane Construction had submitted the low bid to Pavement Management Services this week, which will mean more than enough is budgeted for paving. He said consultant Roger Picard had let him know that Lane wished to pave prior to July 1, 2016 because they have some large state projects further Downeast, but they would bill the town after July 1. He said that would require Selectman approval. Jo moved to authorize Lane Construction to pave prior to the start of Fiscal Year 2016/17 provided the town is not to be billed until after the start of that year. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 3-0.**

Thank you letter – Lamoine Baptist Church – Selectmen signed a letter to the Lamoine Baptist Church thanking them for a \$625 donation in the memory of Merrill Boynton to be applied to the utility pole flag display fund.

School Budget – Stu reported that the School Committee received approval from the Budget Committee for the budget as presented the previous evening. He said those are the budget figures in the town meeting warrant just signed. He said he plugged the school budget into the town budget, and depending on the bottom line valuation, the tax rate should be up no more than 1/10th of a mill, or maybe even flat.

Schedule – Gary listed off the next meetings as follows:

- a. Regular meeting – May 12 & May 19, 2016
- b. Special Town Meeting – May 24, 2016
- c. Possible special meeting following special town meeting
- d. Regular Meeting June 2, 2016
- e. June 16, 2016 (Hodgkins Scholarship sub committee to meet at 6PM followed by regular meeting at 7PM)

Stu noted that if the town meeting approves the MRC article on the May 24, 2016 town meeting the Selectmen should plan on staying to approve and sign the joinder agreement with the MRC in an open meeting afterward, as there is not a meeting in time to meet the 10-day window for approval.

The board members present set July 14, 2016 as the meeting date for that month, and Kathleen said August 11 would be the best date to meet in August if possible.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Selectmen